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SUBJ: REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES WITH PRC COUNSELLOR

REF: USUN 4668 (NOTAL)

1. US REPS MET NOV. 4 WITH COUNSELLOR OF CHINESE MISSION CHOU NAN AT OUR REQUEST TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE DISARMAMENT ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AND THE SOVIET ENVIRONMENT PROPOSAL (ENMOD).

(A) WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE SPANISH DRAFT RES TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL WHICH THE CHINESE HAD SEEN BUT HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON YET. ON PERSONAL BASIS CHOU FOUND FAULT WITH DRAFT'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE AS LAST YEAR'S RES HAD FOR CONSENSUS PROCEDURE AND EQUAL FOOTING STATUS OF NUCLEARS AND NON-NUCLEARS. HE FOUND PARA (3) OBJECTIONABLE MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE WORLD "PERMANENT". AS FOR PARA (2),  
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WHILE CHOU THOUGHT CHINESE PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR A

MANDATE SIMPLY CALLING FOR THE FURTHER STUDY OF VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS ON A WDC, HE IMPLIED CHINA MIGHT ACCEPT SOME REFERENCE TO EXAMINATION OF CONDITIONS AS THE BASIC MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE. HE ASSURED US CHINA'S PRINCIPLED STAND ON A WDC AND ITS ESSENTIAL PRE-CONDITIONS HAD NOT CHANGED AT ALL, AND HE SAID CHINA HAD NO PLANS TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF A NEW COMMITTEE. PREMISE UNDERLYING HIS REMARKS HOWEVER APPEARED TO BE THAT SOME KIND OF CONTINUED STUDY OF THE WDC IDEA WOULD BE VOTED AND IT WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR CHINA TO SUPPORT IT.

(B) SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION PROPOSAL (ENMOD). WE BRIEFED CHOU IN GENERAL TERMS ON THE STATE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET DEL ON THIS ITEM. HE SAID CHINA REGARDED THE ITEM AS PURELY A PROPAGANDISTIC, DIVERSIONARY MOVE AND ONLY UNRESOLVED QUESTION WAS WHETHER CHINA WOULD ABSTAIN OR VOTE NO. SOVIETS WERE MERELY ATTEMPTING TO COVER UP THEIR FAILURE TO DISARM BY BRINGING UP SUCH FAR-FETCHED NOTIONS AS MELTING OF ARCTIC ICECAPS. CHOU PROBED REPEATEDLY FOR AN INDICATION HOW WE THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD RESPOND AND SEEMED RESIGNED TO EVENTUAL US SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET PROPOSAL IN SOME FORM AND CHINA'S CONSEQUENT ISOLATION. HE SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT MOST IF NOT ALL NON-ALIGNED WOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL EVEN IF THEY SAW THROUGH ITS MOTIVATION.

(C) NUCLEAR FREE ZONES. ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FINNISH PROPOSAL FOR A SYG STUDY OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES, CHOU EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT WAS TOO THEORETICAL AND HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER FINLAND WAS NOT FRONTING FOR SOME OTHER POWER. HE REPEATED CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPTS OF A SOUTH ASIAN AND MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE BUT RESERVED JUDGEMENT ON THE ACTUAL RESES UNTIL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. ANY REFERENCE TO THE NPT WOULD OF COURSE FORCE CHINA TO ABSTAIN, HE SAID.

(D) REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB). CHOU SAID CHINA'S ABHORRENCE OF LAST YEAR'S SOV PROPOSAL MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO APPROVE OF ANYTHING HAVING ITS ORIGIN IN THAT PROPOSAL SUCH AS THE EXPERTS GROUP REPORT, ALTHOUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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HE UNDERSTOOD WHY WE BELIEVED REPORT ON THE WHOLE WAS USEFUL.  
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